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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

GERMANY AND THE ALLIES.
PEACE VIRTUALLY ESTABLISHED.

The Supreme Council has been informed of the approaching views arising out of the Allies and German conversations and has approved the basis of an understanding.

The Allies have consented to register the verbal assurance mentioned on December 23 and it is expected that the Supreme Council, to-morrow will fix a date for signature of the protocol. The exchange of ratifications will probably take place either on January 6 or 7 at the Quai D'Orsay, whereas Mr. Lloyd George will participate semi-officially.

It is declared that the operation of the treaty is now a mere matter of days and peace is virtually established from to day.

PRESS SANGUINE.

PARIS, December 30.
Max von Lossen, the chief of the German delegation called on M. Du Bois, but has not delivered the German reply. It is believed that the Government of Berlin is disposed to sign the protocol subject to guarantees of reduction in the amount of material required for compensation in the Sinao Shaw incident.

The entire press regards yesterday's interview as decisive and anticipates the early signing of the protocol.

JAPAN'S BUDGET.

LARGEST NATIONAL DEFENCE PROGRAMME.

The Japanese budget for 1920/21 provides for replenishing national defence expenses of railways, ports and roads, new middle class educational institutions, encouragement of land cultivation and a plan for State reforestation.

The expenditure for national defence is increased by 99,000,000 Yen and the army's new programme involves extraordinary expenditure amounting to 486,000,000 Yen spread over fourteen years to 1939. The extraordinary naval expenditure amounts to 853,000,000 Yen, spread over to 1927, which, including ordinary expenditure, permits a total naval expenditure of 160,000,000 Yen annually.

The expenditure is being met by increased income and export taxes and a temporary suspension of the sinking fund.

COTTON COMPANIES' LARGE PROFITS.

London, December 30.
The profits of 160 cotton companies in Lancashire show profits of £1,400,000,000.

THE MOULDERS' STRIKE.

GOVERNMENT ACTION REQUESTED.

London, December 30.
The boilermakers' shipwrights' and blacksmiths' societies have telegraphed to the Premier requesting immediate action to end the moulders' strike which, the Unions declare, has paralysed the industry.

FAREWELL SHELTON
HOOPER.

On New Year's Day Mr. A. Shelton Hooper left the Colony, after thirty years service as Secretary of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. He goes on six months' leave, and at his expiration will be granted a pension. Mr. Hooper came to the Colony in 1886 to take up the appointment of Government Assessor, but in 1889 he joined the Land Investment Company, holding, in addition, a retainer from the government as land expert. He was a Justice of the Peace and held a seat on the Licensing Board. For six years he served on the Sanitary Board and was a member of the Commission appointed in 1906 to enquire into the administration of the Sanitary and Building Regulations enacted by the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance of 1903. For his services in this connection he received the thanks of the Colonial Government and on going home in 1915 to recuperate after an operation for appendicitis, his public services were acknowledged by the Secretary of State. Mr. Hooper's position is being taken by Mr. M. S. Northcote who for many years has been accountant of the Company.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

HARD LINES.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir.—As it may, perhaps, interest you to know what is the result of the petition which some Portuguese clerks, who were previously employed in German offices, forwarded to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government of Hongkong in July, 1918, I have pleasure in sending you, herewith enclosed, for your perusal and the favour of return, correspondence which passed between them and the Colonial Secretary.

It caused the petitioners, indeed, much surprise and indignation that this petition made by a local firm of English solicitors, was misconstrued by English solicitors, who were previously employed in German offices, forwarded to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government of Hongkong in July, 1918, I have pleasure in sending you, herewith enclosed, for your perusal and the favour of return, correspondence which passed between them and the Colonial Secretary.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SINN FEIN ACTIVITY.

London, December 29th.
The Liverpool Police have discovered revolver, cartridges and hand grenades in cases and a quantity of literature, all indicating great activity on behalf of Sinn Fein.

DISTURBED IRELAND.

London, December 29th.
Particular interest centred round the inquest at Dublin on Lieutenant Boast, in consequence of the hitherto conflicting accounts of the affair.

A verdict was returned that Lieutenant Boast was accidentally killed by a shot fired by one of his own party, and that Kennedy was killed on his way home.

A Military patrol, Kennedy was a civilian.

Three of the arrested officers have been released.

London, December 29th.
Conflicting evidence was given in the Dublin inquest by the soldiers concerned in the shooting affray, one asserting that Kennedy shot Lieutenant Boast when arrested. The other stated that Lieutenant Boast was still alive when Kennedy was shot.

It was admitted that no revolver was found on Kennedy and it was surmised that Kennedy was not killed outright but was despatched whilst drawing away. The jury concluded that Lieutenant Boast was killed by his own men because fragments of the bullet found on his body were declared to be part of a service cartridge.

The jury admitted a rider that the patrol acted in a most heartless manner in the case of Kennedy and sympathised with his relatives.

END OF LUTTINOFF CONFERENCE.

London, December 29th.
Mr. O'Grady, M.P., returns to Copenhagen on January 3rd.

OBITUARY.

London, December 29th.
The death is announced of Sir William Oiler, M.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.P.

FOUNDATION OF WORLD PEACE.

New Year's messages from the Premiers of the British Commonwealth of Nations have been issued over the signatures of Mr. Lloyd George, Sir Robert Borden, Mr. W. M. Hughes, General Botha, Mr. Maxey and Mr. Squires (Newfoundland).

The messages, which are addressed to "Fellow-citizens of the British Empire," emphasise that in a recognition of the Fatherhood of God and His Divine purpose for the world, which is the central message of Christianity, will be discovered the ultimate foundation for the reconstruction of an ordered and harmonious life for all men. As that recognition can only come as an act of free consent on the part of individual men everywhere, the message appeals to men of goodwill to consider the eternal validity of the truth of those spiritual forces which are the one hope for a permanent foundation of world peace.

INDIAN FRONTIER FIGHTING.

London, December 29th.
Reuter's Agency learns that the Mahsuds have formally accepted the British terms, which include an unopposed march through their country, and the continuation there of the British troops until the fines and riffs have been paid in.

The only important section now in opposition are the Wana Wanias.

FRENCH AIRSHIP ENTERPRISE.

PARIS, December 29th.
A French aeroplane in April or May attempted a flight from Dakar to Pernambuco, a special machine having been constructed capable of a non-stop flight of 3,000 miles, with a view to establishing a Trans-Atlantic service.

SYRIA.

PARIS, December 29th.
With reference to the Balakib affair, a message has been received from Beirut which says that a French officer, with the object of a hostile demonstration against Balakib, left the town and returned with a detachment, which was fired on. One soldier was wounded. The town is now quiet.

FIRE AT MARSEILLES.

PARIS, December 29th.
It appears that the report of the burning down of the railway station at Marseilles refers to the small Vieuxport station, and not the main railway station.

BOLSHEVIST ENDEAVOURS FOR PEACE.

COPENHAGEN, December 29th.
The Russian Soviet Government has offered the Polish Government peace, simultaneously denying that the Soviet is preparing a new offensive against Poland.

AMERICAN PROHIBITION LAW.

NEW YORK, December 29th.
Two of the "Wood alcohol ringleaders" were brought up at Brooklyn Court on a charge of violation of the Prohibition Law. They were allowed out on bail of \$15,000 each. Four others were brought up at the New York Court on a similar charge, and were allowed bail of \$10,000 each.

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E. B. O. WOLFE,
Capt. Superintendent of Police,
Hongkong, December 31, 1919.

HONGKONG BOXING
ASSOCIATION.

A N Important joint Meeting of the GENERAL and BOXING COMMITTEES of the above Association will take place at the Office of Mr. F. C. Jenkins, Prince's Buildings, on Monday, January 5, at 5.00 p.m. Members are requested to make it convenient to attend.

G. G. N. TINSON,
Hon. Secretary.CHINA BORNED COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that a Second EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Company (notice of which was duly given on the 10th inst.) will be held at the offices of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Company, St. George's Buildings, Victoria, at 12 o'clock noon, on TUESDAY, the 13th day of January, 1920, for the purpose of confirming, if thought fit, as a special Resolution, the following Resolution which was duly passed as an Extraordinary Resolution on the 29th inst., viz.—

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Ernest Alfred Mountford Williams of the firm of Lowe, Bingham & Matthews of Chartered Bank Buildings Queen's Road Central, Victoria, be appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up, it, such remuneration as may be arranged between the said Harrisons and Crosfield Limited and the Liquidator."

Dated this 29th day of December, 1919.

By Order of the Board,

Hongkong, December 30, 1919.

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 1st January to WEDNESDAY, 14th January, 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hongkong, December 24, 1919.

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FRUITH, JUSTICE, PWEING SHWING."

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JAN. 3, 1920.

ADVERSARIA.

Ebeneezer Scrooge 1920, was a Hongkong taipan, an able man but a hard one. No dam nonsense about him. Full of driving force, he drove men and circumstances as he drove golf balls, in his own way, and on his own way. It rarely occurred to him that he was mortal, and then not vividly. His position political and commercial seemed as sure as his stance on the links. In the eyes of all beholders, and likewise in his own, he was a Gibraltar of a man. Any enemies he made took pains to conceal their enmity. Yet something very simple and very human happened to Mr. Scrooge, who thought he could not fail. He did fail. He fell asleep. And dreamed.

The ghost of New Years long ago turned years old throned about him, and reminded him of the good resolutions he had made in the innocence and good faith of his youth. In those days his mind was open and receptive. In those days he did not begin all his sentences with a "but." The ghosts recalled for him the love he was capable of feeling, the love that moved his thinking, the love that made him desire to leave the world better than he found it. He was leaner then, and had nice eyes, into which people liked to look. He had flexible lips, and people listened to the outpourings of his heart with peculiar pleasure. The ghosts compelled him to contrast young Scrooge with old Scrooge. Old Scrooge turned and moaned in his sleep.

Then he dreamed of THEN THE ghost of the New OTHERS Year Present and the New Years To-Come, who showed him himself as he had never seen himself before. They carried him as Asmodeus carried Cleopatra, so that he saw and knew the secret hearts of men, and learned their real thoughts of him—things he had not guessed before. They showed him the inside of the homes of his office staff, of his Portuguese clerks, of his Chinese servants, and the manner of life of his European assistants. They showed him his fourteen major-generals to command

own incoming years, and that appalled him; they showed future that he awoke . . .

It was New Year's Day, a fresh start. He slapped his stomach on getting up, and whistled (a thing he hadn't done since he was a boy). He whistled out of tune, but that didn't matter. Nothing mattered. Ta-tumpty-ta-vara, tumpty tea.

He shook hands with his bath cooie and left a bath in that astonished fellow's hand. He raised his boy's wages at breakfast, spoiled the caddies by feeding them with chocolates, and his golf by chickening all the way round over his plans for astonishing the office. In the evening he asked for the *China Mail*, and was just a little peevish to hear that there wasn't one. Then his brow cleared. "Excellent paper," he murmured. "Must drop 'em a chit first thing, and tell 'em to print all my advertisements double size, and blow the expense." Everybody remarked on his altered, happy face. At the Cathedral he listened to a sermon that made him smile. "What shall it profit a man?" the preacher asked, "if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" The preacher talked of dividends of the heart, of increments of love, of wealth of good fellowship. "Never heard a better sermon in my life," said Mr. Scrooge, who had often before heard exactly the same one, and signed a chit that afterwards made a church official whisper things to the Bishop. "God bless us everyone," said the Bishop. "Amen," says the *China Mail*.

The *China Mail* staff has been

RESOLUTIONS.

Springing together. It

New Year resolutions, and agreed from now on (1) to be chronically cheerful and good humoured—no day without its laugh—no laugh without its substratum of kindness. (2) to be as frank and truthful as the law allows and as its sources of information permit (3) to strive always to keep Hongkong's moral courage up, and by example and precept to make local life brighter (4) to be newsy and chatty but never malicious or bitter, and where bad men have to be censured, to do it as Isaac Walton handled his worms, "as though he loved them."

Truth considers that

KRUSHER JOES, the 530 officers

employed with the

various military missions in Russia

and Siberia are not necessary. Their

pay, allowances, and travelling ex-

penses must come to at least £1,500

a day, getting on towards a million

sterling a year. A score of military

attaches' are all that are now really

needed. The country really needs

to economise in this and in other

ways. Mr. Churchill appointed

fourteen major-generals to command

Territorial Divisions that have not yet been formed and may never be formed. There may be only half that number of divisions eventually. At present there isn't one, and for some months these generals have been drawing over £2,000 a year each, for marking time. The prospects for demobilized officers just now are rotten, so we can congratulate these favoured ones if not Mr. Churchill!

One of our valued contributors has sent in a story which is labelled as a quotation from the *China Mail* of April 1, 1920. It is a sort of prophetic picture of what might happen at Hongkong after a Labour Government comes into power at Home. Parts of it are amusing, as where Col. John Ward comes out to govern us, and finds the Adversarial acting as Chief Justice. But on the whole it will not do. There are things in it that might offend Friendly Powers, and the general effect of it would be needlessly to alarm the populace. It goes back to the witty author, with the usual editorial regrets, couched in that insincere and annoying formula that so frequently spoils a day in the life of the journalistic freelance.

An old and wise friend FRIENDLY of the *China Mail* ADVICE writes in about the case of the taipan who, because he disliked the general tone of the paper, ordered the withdrawal of the advertisements of business for which he is agent. "Humour," writes our old friend, "is good in its place; but your flippant reference to this incident at the beginning of the holidays suggests to me that you have overlooked an important principle, as important to the public as to your good selves. Had you not better consider it in this light, and discuss it in a dignified manner?" We will consider it in that light, and do our best, though dignity seems always to us an impostor, and any association with it distasteful. This is not flippancy; it is a quite serious conviction, based on a reasonable sense of proportion. What human insect would or could pretend dignity or think of it in the presence of God? With an abiding sense of that Presence, the writer can still joke or try to, as a child might before its parent. God makes men joke, because it is good for them. God never made any man dignified. It did not occur to Him. This as reverently as sincerity of belief can make it. To be in earnest needs no posing. Many a joke springs from earnestness and seriousness.

During, therefore, the

next few weeks, do what we said was serious if it was humor

ous we propose, at an early date, to discuss and unfold that matter in such a way as we think will meet the approval of our friendly critics.

Meanwhile, we must first procure certain data from our business staff.

Mr. R. O. Hutchison takes Mr.

C. McLean's place as treasurer.

It is reported that Kung Sam-jam, the ex-Premier of Peking, is still in Kowloon.

The Superintendent of the Mint has obtained sanction to form a special guard for the Mint.

The Kowloon Cricket Club Annual Children's Sports take place this afternoon, commencing at 2.15 p.m.

A lecture entitled "Women's Work in the War" will be given by Major Bowes at the Helens May Institute on Monday Jan. 12 at 5.30 p.m.

It is stated that the gunboat "Po Man," which escaped to Haiphong, is still interned by the French authorities in spite of the requests of the Peking Government for her return. The officers and the engineers have left the ship owing to shortage of supplies. The commander and most of the crew are in great distress.

New Year Day was observed as a general holiday in Canton. The Military Government entertained the M.P.s, the members of the Provincial Assembly and the principal merchants of the city in the Tung Yuen Garden yesterday. Dr. Wu Tingfang will entertain the Foreign Consuls to-day. The Yamens and all Government offices have been closed for three days.

In connection with the military revolt in Fukien, it is reported that the People's Army mutinied and attacked Fong as the Army alleged ill-treatment. The mutineers, who are now under the command of Sung Yun-yuen, a member of Parliament, have not been punished and the whereabouts of Fong Singko are unknown. Commander Lam Poik, of the 1st Squadron who is a Fukienese, proposes to send gunboats to Fukien to restore order.

It is very heartening to see such New Year messages as those Reuter reports as coming from the Central and colonial statesmen. The central message of Christianity was never more welcome or wanted than now. May we urge our preachers to dwell on the point that it is not enough for Christians to regard Christianity as respectable, but that they should also discover and realize that it is true. The central message of Christianity means a great deal to the *China Mail*, which in its own way tries to preach it. At present the English church has the confidence of the majority of the "fellow citizens" of the British

Empire," owing to the fact that it has overlooked that Central Message. The Roman church overlooked it at one time, and lost ground. Now that it is again devoted to it, it is gaining ground. The Central Message is the teaching of Jesus as practical politics and as a guide of conduct to be taken literally. Not Atonement but at-one-ment is the central message. That is the clear intention of the New Year messages reported in our telegraphic news. "Atonement" means being at-one-with the purpose of the Teacher.

It is quite usual in THE NEW YEAR newspapers now to HONOURS. Find jeers at every new list of honours.

Let's differ. Let us ignore the long list of nonentities and fix our attention on one deserving case that we are sure of. Frederick Lugard is made a Privy Councillor. There was a man, a real man. Modest as he was brave, level-headed and single-minded, he was a devoted servant of the nation and deserved well of it. Respectful congratulations.

Some time ago we

EMPLOYERS published a petition OF GERMAN from the Portuguese FIRMS who had been em

ployees of German firms whose assets were taken by the Government. To-day we publish a letter referring to the result of it. The Government has decided that the Portuguese employees shall only have what they can win at law, and even then it warns them not to go to law unless they are fully armed with proofs. We remember the petition well. It was drafted by Mr. Goldring, and was quite plain. It claimed nothing by legal right, but asked the Government, which had the assets, as an act of grace to do what private firms had done in similar cases—to recognize easily verifiable moral claims. Take the case of an employee who was entitled, by admitted custom of the German firm, to \$2,000 for 25 years service. He served 24 years, and but for the war, and the Government's action, would have got his bonus. Is he not morally entitled to 24 25ths of it? Or to some of it? There is no "grace" about the Government which has taken over, with the German assets, this poor Portuguese clerk's share of them. It can recognize, it says, only claims that can be substantiated in the law courts by agreements and similar documents. We are very sorry. We condole with the men who have had such hard luck. Perhaps a generous public would like to shame the Government by making up their losses to them?

SUNDRIES.

In this section with few exceptions trade has been very slow. It has not yet got into full after-war swing; many difficulties seem to present themselves, and the chief obstacle to a satisfactory trade has been the ever-increasing cost of manufactured articles, due to the continual demands put forth by workers for increased

materials and higher cost of living all round.

Deliveries have been very uncertain, owing mainly to lack of shipping facilities. As the year closes there appears to be a better feeling and more enquiries are coming out for general sundries, with the exception however of Japanese sundries. The Japanese boycott persists in being a very real thing, and is assuming very serious proportions. The Chinese in many places are going to the length of burning Japanese goods. With the boycott a corresponding movement for "made in China goods" has been inaugurated, but is not apparently making much headway, owing to the lack of manufacturing facilities in China itself. The boycott is being carried to such extremes that it appears to be bringing trouble to the doors of many Chinese themselves.

Owing to the boycott the large departmental stores are all suffering severely, and as these are all financed with purely Chinese capital, we think it will not be long before the natives that boycotting is a very expensive luxury to indulge in. Progress has been made with American sundries, but the business has been interfered with greatly by strikes, and resulting delays. Also the unfavourable rate of exchange quoted for gold dollars has proven an obstacle to trade. British sundries are beginning to find their way through in increasing quantities, and what must not be lost sight of in comparing British trade with American is the fact that many of the American goods are very showy and are of such a nature as to attract a great deal of attention, whereas the backbone of British trade consists of more solid but less showy articles.

As one walks along the street one is inclined to notice American motor-cars, electric light fittings, and similar articles, yet in the same street who notices that the iron cover to the fire hydrant has been made in England, and who notices the British plate glass in the windows of shops? British goods for the most part consist of what one might call "invisible" goods which do not catch the eye. It is impossible to report in detail on the many articles which can be classed as sundries, but we would again advise anybody interested to secure copy of the Import & Export Returns for the Colony as soon as it is published, which we expect will be early in January. The figures for 1919 should have particular interest as they are now so arranged that it will be possible to estimate very accurately the actual effect of the Japanese boycott. Up to the present we have not heard of any goods coming from Germany, for which many let us be truly thankful.

PIRECA-GOODS.

A Grand New Year Concert will be given at the Seamen's Institute this evening under the kind direction of Mrs. C. H. F. Bay, commencing at 8.30 p.m. All seamen, both of the Royal Navy and Merchant Service, soldiers, and friends are heartily invited. There is no charge for admission. As is usual, after the concert the Institute motor-launches Day will convey visitors to their ships, any officers and men who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity of a good evening's enjoyment.

Last year, as we went to press,

with the review on piece goods for

HONGKONG TRADE.

OPERATIONS IN 1919.
REVIEWED.

It is difficult to outline the trade of Hongkong during the year 1919 without continual reference to the influence of the high rate of exchange. It has had its bearing upon every commodity whether imported or exported and for the future experts in the various departments of commerce qualify predictions for the forthcoming year with the prefix according to the rate of exchange."

A review of the past twelve months shows that the after effects

of the war have been both detrimental and beneficial to trade, which, as in every thing else, must be based on the law of supply and demand. For metals the year has been a bad one in view of the fact that the main sources of pre-war supplies from Great Britain and Belgium have been stopped.

For piece goods local dealers have

reaped a rich harvest, the high dollar

enabling them to purchase from the home markets at profit producing rates.

It is interesting to note in this

connection that so long as the pre-

war high rate of exchange pertains

the tone of the eastern piece goods

market will remain firm, the increas-

ed cost of production has naturally

enhanced prices for replacing stocks,

but should the exchange depreciate

anything in the region of a 3s.

dollar there will be a very bad slump

since the Manchester merchants are

governed more by the cost of pro-

duction than the rate of exchange.

Turning to freights the year has

been disappointing and although the

freight rates have been raised

the effect has been rather the reverse

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1920.

NEW REPULSE BAY
HOTEL.

OPENED BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

Graced by the presence of H.E. the Governor, Sir R. E. Stubbs, and a large number of Hongkong's best known inhabitants the function of opening the new hotel at Repulse Bay, which is under the management of the Hongkong Hotel Company, was both successful and enjoyable. From 2 p.m. on New Year's Day a continuous stream of motor vehicles left Victoria and sped along the beautiful roads to the new hotel and not one visitor but remarked on its artistic appearance, both as regards site and construction. Standing on a hill it overlooks one of Hongkong's beauty spots. The first impression received as the building came into sight was but confirmed on closer inspection. Built by Tsang Ying to the plans of Messrs. Dennison, Ram & Gibbs the hotel has a frontage of some 150 feet. It is approached by a well made road, leading to the main steps, in front of which is a miniature Italian Garden, artistically laid out and provided with a fountain. From the steps the visitor reaches a very spacious balcony fourteen feet wide which runs the entire length of the front. The hall with its floor space of 3,500 square feet has to be admired before passing on to other parts of the building. Its size is at once a striking feature, while the lighting scheme has been carried out with great delicacy and taste. This hall is to serve both as a dining room and dance hall. At either end is a residential suite, while two open pergolas permit a through breeze from front to back. The two residential wings have yet to be completed but it is anticipated that they will be ready about May. A wide verandah will run the length of the wing and each bedroom will be 20 feet square, with its own bathroom fitted with hot and cold water and a dressing room lift. by St. Store rooms, kitchen and pantry are situated at the rear of the building and are constructed for the maximum efficiency in service. The interior of the rooms is of white glazed tiles and the bathrooms and lavatories are similarly treated. Water for the hotel is obtained from reservoirs impounding 80,000 gallons. It will be filtered and cooled by an electric refrigerator. Fresh ice water will be supplied to the bedrooms. The hotel will make its own ice and do its own cold storage. In winter it will be electrically heated. Telephones will be installed in each bedroom. Everything contributing to the comfort of the guest has been thought of and attended to with the greatest discrimination and care.

THE OPENING.

The visitors to the hotel to witness the opening ceremony were welcomed by Mr. J. Scott Harston, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company, and Mr. J. H. Taggart, the Manager. When His Excellency arrived, Mr. Scott Harston said: "Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen.—On behalf of the Hongkong Hotel Company and those assembled here to-day, I cordially welcome Your Excellency, and thank you for honouring this auspicious occasion by your presence. I use the word "auspicious" advisedly, for I feel sure that as certainly as the sun now shines upon us, good fortune will ever attend this enterprise, upon which Your Excellency has by your kind attendance to inaugurate it, placed the hall-mark of good repute. In the circumstance of the uniqueness of this event in the history of the Colony, it is perhaps fitting that I should offer a few remarks regarding this highly important adjunct of the Hongkong Hotel Company's undertaking. The idea of building the Repulse Bay Hotel was the product of the brain of Mr. Taggart, the Company's energetic and genial manager, who, ever ready to forward the interests of the Company, and to secure the welfare of its patrons, suggested this project rather more than two years ago. Having convinced his Board of Directors of its soundness and obtained their sanction for its erection, he has devoted himself heart and soul to its successful completion, and the edifice which now stands before you bears striking tribute to his foresight, labour and ceaseless attention. It reminds me of Sir Christopher Wren's epitaph, "Si monumentum requiri circumspice." (Hear, hear.) Nature has bestowed bountiful gifts in plenty upon the site and its surroundings, but we all owe a deep debt of gratitude to the architects, Messrs. Dennison, Ram & Gibbs, and to the contractors, Messrs. Tsang Ying for their skill in attaining the really excellent result which you will shortly behold, and, on behalf of my Company, I tender to them its hearty thanks. I have no doubt whatever that this hotel will prove a boon to a host of people who live in Hongkong, and I am also confident that its patrons will be by no means limited to the populace of this Colony. The locality is easy of access from our City, and the enterprising Dragon Motor-Car Company are instituting a service of motor busses at reasonable rates, it can be reached without difficulty by all."

have now to request that your Excellency will be pleased to perform the inaugural ceremony and formally declare the hotel open to the public—for which purpose and on behalf of the Hotel Company, I beg leave to present to you this key. (Applause.)

His Excellency the Governor, in declaring the hotel open, remarked that Mr. Johnson had observed on one occasion that there was nothing which had yet been contrived by man, that was of so much use or gave so much happiness as a good tavern or inn. (Laughter.) In Dr. Johnson's days the word "hôtel" was not used in the same sense as at present or he (Dr. Johnson) would have substituted it for the words he used. He (His Excellency) had come down to open that hotel because he thought it represented an important event in the life of the Colony. It had frequently been observed by a good many people passing through Hongkong that one drawback to the place was that there was nowhere for tourists to go if they wished to go anywhere than to return to their hotels. The Hongkong Hotel Company had shown much enterprise and wisdom in accepting Mr. Taggart's advice by providing that most admirable place which would serve as an object for excursions on one of the best and most beautiful roads in Asia, and he was sure that the hotel would meet with the success it deserved because of the skill and intelligence with which the site had been selected. From the point of view of the tourist it was a great advantage to have a place of that kind, but whether, from the point of view of the Colony, it was a great advantage to have the tourists a matter on which there was a little difference of opinion. (Laughter.)

His Excellency then unlocked the door and as he stepped over the threshold the orchestra played the National Anthem. An inspection was then made of the hotel. His Excellency was the first to sign the visitors book writing "R. E. Stubbs, Governor of Hongkong." His signature was followed by that of Major-General Ventris and from then on the book was in constant demand, many pages being rapidly filled. Tea and refreshments were served.

THE EVENING BALL.

To round off the proceedings a ball was held in the evening in the main hall. It proved a great success. The approach was lighted by powerful lamps and the Italian gardens were illuminated with red lanterns giving a very pleasing effect. Dancing was indulged in till well past midnight and even then the dancers seemed not to tire and danced for more until the National anthem was played. The programme included a waltz entitled "The Repulse Bay Walz" written by Mrs. Taggart.

Thus was the Repulse Bay Hotel opened to Hongkong and predictions of its success can be made with certainty for there can be no doubt of its usefulness or of the pleasure that can be gained from a visit to it. It is a step in the development of the Colony and one of which the Hotel Company may well be proud.

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In South Wales colliery districts the chief topic of conversation (telegraphs the *Daily Chronicle* Newport correspondent) is the assertion by Mr. D. Mills, chairman of one of the largest iron, coal and steel undertakings in the Principality, to the effect that miners working under his company (Ebb Vale Steel, Iron and Coal Company) can earn, and are earning, at the rate of £300 to £1,200 a year.

Mr. Mills was asked by a number of miners' leaders, including Mr. Tom Richards and Mr. Vernon Harsthorn, to substantiate this statement.

He said—"What I stated are actual facts. Personally I rejoice that it is so, but why try to disprove facts? Why not emulate them? Good wages are the only way to secure increased production, which is so vital at the present moment.

I am asked to disclose the identity of the colliery at which these sums have been earned during recent months, but what was the position last time a specific reference was made? The men were then told not to work so hard in future.

"In these circumstances it is not likely that I am going to give specific information."

Meanwhile miners' agents seek to fix the average at from £4 to £8 a week.

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE CHINESE MERCHANTS
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE above Bank has this day been removed to Alexandra Buildings, Charter Road, the premises recently vacated by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

Hongkong, January 3, 1920.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

POLICE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Jack Brazil; 2, Michael Davitt 3, Arthur Floyd.

Gentlemen's Race (under thirty)—1, Condon; 2, Smith; 3, Dick.

Ladies' Cocnut Shy—1, Mrs. McLeod; 2, Mrs. Grant; 3, Mrs. Garrad.

Girls' Race (over 14)—1, Miss Marjorie Kent; 2, Miss Angus; 3, Miss Agnes Watt.

Men's Race (30 to 40)—1, Dorington; 2, Lannigan; 3, Grimmett.

Girls' Race (7 to 14)—1, Barbara Earner; 2, Irene Passmore; 3, Cissy Calliford.

Boys' Race (7 to 14)—1, Jim Watt; 2, Robby Watt; 3, John Passmore.

Egg and Spoon Race—1, Mrs. Grimmett; 2, Mrs. Furdon; 3, Mrs. Garrad.

Veteran's Race—1, Inspector Macdonald; 2, Inspector Brazil; 3, Inspector Marks.

The sports resulted as follows:

Tug-of-War—Married Men (Gerrard, Brazil, Larangan, A. Clark, Julia Earner; 2, Gladys Grimmett; 3, Ruby Willis).

Boys' Race (under seven)—1, Single Men.

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL

THE GREAT SUCCESS IN THE FAR EAST.

Owing to steamer arrangements the performances announced by the "Vanity Fair" Company for Friday and Saturday of next week will not now take place. The Management of the Russian Grand Opera Company have pleasure in announcing that they have taken over from Mr. Warwick the two days mentioned above and intimate that they will present "Aida" on the Friday and "Traviata" on the Saturday. Tickets already purchased for Monday, when "Aida" was to have been given will be good for the Friday, but if desired they can be exchanged.

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NOTICES.

HOLIDAY SPORTS.

FOOTBALL.

DIVISION 1.

HONGKONG F.C. 2; ST. JOSEPH'S O.

St. Joseph's College put up a hard fight in this match on the Club ground yesterday and although they lost by two goals to nil, the Club did not have the game all their own way. Of the two goals scored, the Club had to play all they knew to secure the first and even this was from a very creditable save by Omar. The other goal was a *cumshaw*, the Club being awarded a penalty in the midst of a melee in front of the Legion goal.

The match opened fast. St. Joseph's fielded their usual team, while the Club had to do without the services of Black and Stalker who have, not yet recovered from the effects of the England-Scotland match. McPhail played in place of Black and acquitted himself well, while Tonkin the Shanghai F. C. Captain, who has just been transferred to Hongkong, made his first appearance in local football, as McPhail's partner, and proved to be a very sound back. His made a very poor substitute in Stalker's place. For the Collegians, while the forward line did not combine as effectively as they used to, one or two of the players appearing to be rather afraid of their heavier opponents of the Club's defence. Messrs. U. Omar, Dixon, Xavier, Ogley, Sepher and D. Urquhart of the Collegians' defence played sound games and deserved great credit for preventing the opposing forwards from scoring often. But for this stubborn defence, the Club would at least have scored half-a-dozen times throughout the match.

HONGKONG CHALLENGE SHIELD.

It is announced that the Hongkong Football Club is holding the competition for the Challenge Shield again this season. The rules state that the semifinal and final shall be played on the Club ground. In other cases the Club first drawn shall have choice of ground. Preliminary rounds will be thirty-five minutes each way but the final will be forty-five minutes each way. All drawn matches are to be replayed and if the result is again a draw, extra time will be played. The date of the draw for each round will be announced later.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG C. C. v NAVY.

Commencing on New Year's Day the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Navy met in a two days' match, the Club winning without difficulty. Scores:-

NAVY.

1st Innings.
Rev. F. G. B. Hastings, run out... 17
E. G. Kennett, c and b Brand.... 9
Surg. Commdr. Holl, c and b Day 55
Lieut.-Commdr. Greig, c Wood, b Brand.... 8
Pay-Lt.-Commdr. Holborn, c Lammet, b Day.... 2
Pay-Lt.-Commdr. Robinson, c Blaker, b Lammet.... 29
Licut. Franks, b Day.... 58
Licut. McNair, b Day.... 44
Licut. Dolphin, b Lammet.... 12
Licut. Dicken, not out.... 1
C. E. R. A. Bryant, run out.... 0
Extras.... 22

Total.... 257

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Donnelly	15	0	65	0
Brand	11	2	38	2
Day	13.4	0	81	4
Lammet	10	1	42	2
Pearce	1	0	9	0

HONGKONG C. C.

1st Innings.
E. J. R. Mitchell, l.b.w., b Bryant 68
A. E. Wood, c Greig, b Hastings 11
T. E. Pearce, b Kennett 0
A. A. Claxton, l.b.w., b Bryant 62
H. R. B. Hancock, b Bryant 156
E. W. Day, c Franks, b Hastings 5
R. A. Brand, c Robinson, b Bryant 45
C. Blaker, c Franks, b Hastings 0
F. Sutton, run out.... 14
E. G. Lammet, not out.... 8
D. E. Donnelly, b Bryant 5
Extras.... 5

Total.... 382

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Marques	15	4	45	4
L. A. Xavier	5	1	23	1
Remedios	8	2	16	3
Ozorio	2	0	5	2

CIVIL SERVICE v. WILTSHIRES.

This proved a very close match, Civil Service just managing to win with a margin of six runs. Scores:-

CIVIL SERVICE.

B. W. Bradbury, b Browne 41
R. C. Witchell, c Wyndham, b Harris 4
P. T. Lamble, b Browne 23
F. Syme Thomson, b Browne 15
W. H. Edmonds, c Eatson, b Browne 0
F. J. Ling, b Browne 40
S. Fincher, c Eatson, b Bleckley 1
Dr. Smallley, b Browne 5
G. H. Piercy, c Beavan, b Purton 22

H. E. Strange, not out.... 1

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Bowling Analysis.

Hon. C. Severn, b Purton

O. M. R. W.

Extras

4

Total

157

Bowling Analysis.

Purton

O. M. R. W.

Harris

9 4 61 2

Browne

15 2 48 6

Bleckley

5 1 23 1

WILTSHIRES.

Lt. Col. Wyndham, b Severn

10

Beavan, b Edmonds

47

Bandmaster Eaton, c Lamble

30

Capt. Belts, b Ling

14

Major Culver, c Edmonds, b Severn

47

Sergt. Holdman, c Bradbury, b

1

L. Dicken, b Day

0

C. E. R. A. Bryant, b Day

12

Lt. Dolphin, not out

0

Extras

15

Total

113

Bowling Analysis.

Donnelly

12 5 19 1

Brand

9 1 28 0

Day

13 5 22 15

Lammet

10 2 29 4

HONGKONG C.C.

2nd Innings.

E. G. Lammert, run out

16

C. Blaker, not out

0

E. J. R. Mitchell, c Bryant, b

11

Franks

F. Sutton, c Holborn, b Robinson

10

E. W. Day, not out

58

Extras

9

Total (for 3 wickets)

110

Bowling Analysis.

Franks

5 1 17 0

Dicken

8 1 28 0

Robinson

4 1 22 0

Bryant

2 0 21 0

Greig

1 0 13 0

CLUB DE RECREIO v. I.R.C.

The Indian Recreation Club beat

Club de Recreio in a low scoring

match. Scores:-

CLUB DE RECREIO.

A. de Sousa, c S. D. Ismail, b

Arculli

11

C. E. Marques, c Madar, b S. A.

Ismail

3

F. M. Ozorio, run out

15

A. C. V. Ribeiro, b Andre

15

F. A. Carvalho, c Moosdeen, b

3

Arculli

0

S. E. Remedios, b Arculli

1

J. Lopes, b Arculli

0

P. Yvanovich, run out

7

L. A. Xavier, c S. A. Ismail, b

2

Andre

0

F. A. Xavier, c S. H. Ismail, b

0

D. Ismail

12

A. N. Other, not out

16

Extras

0

Total

78

Bowling Analysis.

O.

M.

R.

W.

Arculli

8 1 15 4

S. A. Ismail

5 0 21 0

Brand

7 1 20 2

Day

4 1 6 0

Lammet

1 0 0 0

I.R.C.

0

S. H. Ismail

0

Total

95

Bowling Analysis.

O.

M.

R.

W.

Marques

15 4 45 4

L. A. Xavier

5 1 23 1

Remedios

8 2 16 3

Ozorio

2 0 5 2

S. H. Ismail

1 0 0 0

CIVIL SERVICE v. WILTSHIRES.

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Butcher Meat.

	Oz.
Beef Sirloin.—Mei Long Pa	19
Prime Cut	20
Corned.—Ham Ngau Yuk	20
Beef.—Shea	20
Breast.—Ngau Nam	18
Soup.—Tong Yuk	18
Steak.—Ngau Yuk Pa	19
Steak Sirloin.—Ngau Lam	20
Samgees.—Ngau Cheung	26
Duck's Brains.—Ngau No part set	10
Tongue, fresh.—Ngau Li each 50	—
Tongue, corned.—Ham Ngau Li each 50 cents	—
Head.—Ngau Tan ... each 100	—
Heart.—Ngau Sam ... Ib. 13	—
Hamp.—Ngau Kin ... 20	—
Feet.—Ngau Keuk...each 10	—
Kidneys.—Ngau Yiu	10
—Ngau Mel	20
Liver.—Ngau Kee ... Ib. 13	—
Tripe (undressed).—Ngau To Ib. 8	—
Calf's Head and Feet.—Ngau-hai ... each 100	—
Mutton Chop.—Young Pei Kwee lb. 30	—
Leg.—Young Pei ... 20	—
Shoulder.—Young Shan	26
Saddle.—Young Oi Yat	30
Frog's Chitterlings.—Che Chong	25
Brisket.—Che Keuk ... per lb. 2	—
Foot.—Che Keuk ... Ib. 15	—
Heart.—Che Chap ... 15	—
Head.—Che Tat ... 15	—
Heart.—Che Sam ... each 8	—
Kidneys.—Che Yu ... each 8	—
Liver.—Che Kee ... Ib. 25	—
Port Chop.—Che Pei Kwai ... 25	—
Leg.—Che Pei ... 20	—
Loin.—Che Hui Tso ... 24	—
Fat or Lard.—Che Yan ... 21	—
Sheep's Head and Feet.—Young	—
Tail-Kidney ... 70	—
Heart.—Young Sam ... each 8	—
Kidneys.—Young Yiu ... each 12	—
Liver.—Young Kee ... Ib. 37	—
Sucking Pig, to order.—Che Tsoi ... 24	—
Beef, Beef.—Shang Ngau Yiu ... 20	—
Mutton.—Shang Ngau Yiu ... 20	—
Veal.—Ngau Tsui Yuk ... 20	—
Sausages.—Ngau Tsui Chung No. 1 ... Ib. 25	—

Fish.

	Oz.
Salmon.—Ka Yu ...	20
Brain.—Fin Yu ...	26
Canton Fresh Water Fish.—Hoi Sin Yu	24
Carr.—Li Yu ...	26
Catfish.—Chik Yu ...	—
Codfish.—Man Yu	22
Crabs.—Hai ...	33
Cuttle Fish.—Mai Yu	20
Dab.—Shi Mang Yu	20
Dace.—Wong Mei Lap	14
Dog Fish.—Ti To Sha	18
Tel Gonger.—Hoi Man	22
Fresh water.—Tam Shui Yu	22
Yellow.—Wong Sia ...	40
Frogs.—Tim Kai ...	50
Garnips.—Shei Fan ...	42
Gudgeon.—Pak Kap Yu	18
Eel.—Tho Pak ...	18
Halibut.—Cheung Kwan Kau	18
Labrus.—Wong Fa Yu	20
Loach.—Wu Yu ...	26
Lobster.—Long Ha ...	33
Mackerel.—Chi Yu ...	18
Stink Fish.—Mong Yu	34
Mullet.—Tau Yu ...	20
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LLOYD'S LIST OF THE AIR.

PROPOSED REGISTER OF COMMERCIAL CRAFT.

When will R33 be registered "A 1 at Lloyd's?"

This is a question that may be answered in the near future, because the committee of Lloyd's Register of Shipping are prepared to take up the classification and inspection of all aircraft as well as of seaships as soon as commercial aviation is ready for it.

The committee, in their annual report, say that they were approached on the subject some time ago by an influential body closely connected with the construction of aircraft and aircraft engines, and the suggestion received strong support from the leading underwriters engaged in aviation insurance. Lloyd's are prepared to inspect and classify all types of machine built to fly for commercial purposes, and to compile and publish a Register of Aircraft similar to the Register of Shipping.

Other signs of the modernity of this ancient corporation are its interest in Diesel engined ships and those driven by electricity.

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EVERY young child is susceptible to croup. Don't wait until this dreadful disease attacks your little one before you prepare for it. It comes in two forms, when it comes it stops the breathing. Get at once Chambord's Cough Remedy at hand. It cures this quickly and is absolutely harmless. For sale by all Chemists and Stores.

ARMED MAN CLEARS A RESTAURANT.

WILD SCENES IN LYONS.

TABLE DEMOLISHED WITH AN AXE.

Scene: A restaurant crowded with people.

Time: Two p.m.

Waltz music fills the palm decorated luncheon hall.

Enter wild man. He begins to brandish axe.

Exit every man, woman, and child as hurriedly as possible.

This is not the synopsis of a scene in a film but a very precise summary of an extraordinary "real life" scene at Lyons' Corner House Restaurant, Coventry-street, W. As an entirely unrehearsed spectacle it would have delighted the heart of any film producer in England.

Here is the story as related by one of the customers who was present:

"I and my friends had just finished luncheon and were listening to the orchestra. A companion drew my attention to a coloured man who appeared to be swaggering round the room as though he wished to draw attention to himself.

He sat down at one table and began to play about with the plates and cutlery, and his manner began to appear so strange that several women present became very nervous. Many of them rose to leave.

"An attendant approached to remonstrate, when the stranger suddenly rose to his feet and dashed off to another part of the luncheon hall.

"Halting before a table at which were seated two men and two women he produced an axe from under his coat and brandished it wildly in the air.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he shouted and continued to make a speech which I could not hear because of the uproar.

"Talk about a fire at a theatre! Everybody rushed to get out first. Women shrieked and men helped them to get away as quickly as possible."

"The wild man started to smash up the place. He looked an ugly customer, and I took my women friends outside."

"Before I left the man was merely smashing up everything within reach—tables, chairs, glasses, plates, and dishes. He seemed to be enjoying himself!"

"None of the customers bothered at the time to stop at the pay-deck. In less than five minutes the restaurant was cleared of its customers. There only remained two superintendents, a couple of waiters (the waitresses had fled)—and the chef behind the service counter.

"A message had been sent for police reinforcements, but meanwhile the two superintendents pluckily attacked the marauder.

"One of the two rushed up to him but had to avoid a swinging blow from the axe. The second superintendent made a run at the man with an upraised chair.

"The man with the axe turned to attack the superintendent and received the chair full in his face. This angered him still more, and he chased the superintendent with his axe held aloft.

"The chef, seeing the superintendent in danger, rushed out from behind the service counter and after the now furious intruder, whom he caught by the throat."

"Then began a real struggle between the two. At such close quarters the axe, which the man still held was of no use; it only hampered him, so he dropped his axe and fought with his hands.

"The chef, who is a fairly big man, delivered a heavy blow on the man's head with his right fist. This blow laid the man out, and he was held down until the police arrived.

"The arrival of the police seemed to quieten him, and he offered no further resistance."

"KNOCKED OUT BY CHEP."

"The chef's plucky interference possibly saved the superintendent from serious injury; as it was he only received a nasty face bruise."

To the police the man gave his name as Walter Earl, aged 32, of no fixed abode. He stated that he was an American citizen and was out of work and hungry.

"This is a common incident in the States," said an American who was in the Corner House, and witnessed the outbreak. "A man who is down on his luck there will get an axe, go into a restaurant, and lay it on the counter."

"An axe on the counter is a sign wellknown to restaurant proprietors, and they promptly pay out five dollars, for they know that while they are fetching the police, the man can do infinitely more damage."

At the Corner House last night it was stated that although the damage was fairly considerable, no practical estimate of its extent could be given. The debris was quickly cleared away, and within an hour the restaurant resumed its normal appearance.

"BOMBERVIS" IN ENGLAND.

(Continued from Page 6.)

THE AGENT'S PERQUISITES.

Another case of a different kind. Not fifty yards from where I write is a small four-roomed house. Prior to the war it was occupied by a family consisting of mother and father, a son of 17, and two daughters of 19 and 15 years of age respectively. Two years ago the eldest daughter married a soldier home on leave—she now has a 12 months' old baby—two and a half years ago the son enlisted in the infantry. Both the soldiers have now been demobilized and with the rest of the family including the baby all are living in this little house—eight of them.

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GOVERNMENT BY THE BLIND.

The other great agency for the manufacture of Bolsheviks out of Irishmen. The Government, and the supporters of the Government, seem to contain not one individual with any knowledge of the psychology of the working people in England.

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C & B POTTED MEATS.

ALL DELICIOUS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1920.

IRISH CROSS-CHANNEL TRADE.

READING SOURCE OF BRITISH FOOD SUPPLY.

Some very interesting details showing the dependence of England, Scotland and Wales on Ireland for food supplies are provided in a Government publication just issued, though like many Government statistical returns it is so belated as to be of no practical value. The figures given relate to the year 1917, and show that the value of cattle and beef exported from Ireland to Great Britain in that year far exceeded the value we imported from any other country. The Irish export amounted to a value of £25,219,000, while our next largest import was from Argentina, valued at £16,260,000. The import from the United States, valued at £5,395,000, came next in order of magnitude. The Irish export of sheep and mutton, valued in 1917 at £2,641,000, was the second greatest, being exceeded by the imports from New Zealand, £4,814,000. The import from Argentina was valued at £2,237,000.

With regard to the total value of bacon, ham, pork and live pigs, Ireland came third on the list with a value amounting to £9,136,000, as compared with £28,072,000 from the United States and £11,620,000 from Canada. The imports from Denmark came fourth with a value of £7,685,000. The export of poultry from Ireland was much greater than that from any other country to the U.K., Ireland exporting to Great Britain poultry to the value of £1,599,000, while the largest value of imports from other countries to the U.K. was from the United States, £513,000.

The Irish export of butter, 675,000 cwt., valued £6,897,000, was the greatest in quantity, but came second in value. The export from Denmark into the U.K. amounted to 622,000 cwt., valued at £7,033,000; that from Australia came third, valued £5,213,000. The Irish export of eggs far exceeded, both as regards quantity and value, the imports from any other country, amounting to 7,265,000 great hundreds, valued at £7,589,000; the imports into the U.K. from Denmark being the next largest in quantity, amounting to 1,655,000 great hundreds valued at £2,250,000. Potatoes also take pride of place, the Irish export, amounting to 108,000 tons, valued at £527,000, being the largest import of potatoes into Great Britain. As regards oats, the export to Great Britain, 1,342,000 cwt., was third, the U.S. and Canada being first and second respectively.

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HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 31st DECEMBER, 1919.
OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

11 A.M.

BANKS. Sterling Exchange 4/10 T.T. Hongkong Banks. --- 565 h.

MARINE INSURANCE.

Canton Ins. --- \$390 h. North China Ins. --- \$170 h. Union Ins. --- \$183 h. Yangtze Ins. --- \$260 h. Far Easterns --- T.23 h.

FIRE INSURANCE.

China Fire Ins. --- \$138 h. Hongkong Fire Ins. --- \$390 h.

SHIPPING.

Douglas. --- 500 h. H.R. Steamboats. --- 522 h. Indo-China (Fwd.) --- 510 h. Do. (Ded) --- 510 h. Shell Transports. --- 5200 h. Star Ferries. --- 540 h.

RATES.

China Sugars. --- \$210 h. Malabon Sugars. --- \$45 h.

METALS.

Kai Lan Mining Adm. --- 90 h. Langkawi. --- T.15 h. Shanghai Loans. --- 100 h.

Shanghai Steel Exports. --- 88 h.

Tientsin Minerals. --- 40 h. U.R. Cargoes. --- 50 h.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.

H.K. Wharfs. --- 500 h. H.W. Docks. --- 510 h. Shal Docks. --- 512 h. New Engagements. --- 52 h.

LANDS, HOUSES & BUILDINGS.

Central Estates. --- \$100 h. Hongkong Hotels. --- \$110 h.

Hongkong Lands. --- \$118 h.

Humphreys. --- 58 h.

Kowloon Lands. --- \$51 h.

Land Reclamation. --- \$140 h.

West Points. --- 590 h.

Corporation Mills.

Two Cottons. --- \$600 h. ex div.

Kung Yee. --- 552 h.

Leung Kung Mows. --- \$600 h.

Oriental. --- \$600 h.

Shanghai Cottons. --- 550 h.

Yangtzeopos. --- 553 h.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Cements. --- 50 h.

China-Borneo. --- 15 h.

China-Lights Old. --- 57 h. & New 55 h.

China-Providence. --- 57 h.

Dairy Farms. --- 522 h.

Macau Do. --- 512 h.

Hongkong Ropes. --- 52 h.

H.K. Railways. --- 7.10 h.

Peak Tramways (Old). --- 50 h.

Do. (New). --- 50 h.

Steam Laundry. --- 54 h.

H.K. Steel Foundry. --- 54 h.

Water-boats. --- 510 h.

Wests. --- 553 h.

Wm. Powells. --- 512 h.

Wiseman. --- 527 h.

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Hongkong, December 31, 1919.

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" On demand. --- 4/10

" 30 days sight. --- 4/10

" 4 months sight. --- 4/11

" Documentary, 4 months' sight. --- 4/11

On Paris:

On demand. --- 10/15

Credit, 4 months' sight. --- 10/15

On New York:

On demand. --- 94 1/2

Credit, 60 days' sight. --- 95

On Bombay:

Wire. --- 207

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ITALY'S FRUITS OF WAR.

Rome, December 30th.—M. Nitti, speaking to M. Clemenceau, made a vigorous reply to M. Clemenceau's statement of December 23rd, quoted M. Clemenceau's statement that had undertaken to give Fiume to Italy, and stated that Croatia was a contracting party. On the contrary, the situation had to be considered from the general standpoint not from the view of one party. Furthermore, the situation was continually undergoing profound changes.

While conceding that Fiume was not added in the Pact of London, Signor Nitti laid stress on the fact that, under the Pact, all Dalmatia was to be handed over to Italy. Moreover, contrary to her stipulation contained in the Pact, Italy was left to fight Austria-Hungary alone. (Applause.)

Referring to the Adriatic, which had to be fought and had become a burning question, Signor Nitti declared that Italy, which honourably did her duty in the war, was convinced that she had nothing unreasonable or unrighteous.

M. Clemenceau, replying to congratulations on his election as President of the Senate, said that cordial goodwishes would accompany the Government on its mission to safeguard the rights of Italy, for it was clear that it was desired to apportion the fruits of war not in accordance with Italy's sacrifices but according to the good pleasure of others. Speaking in the Chamber of Deputies on Monday last, M. Clemenceau stated that the Fiume question had been an agonizing one. The Italian Government had undertaken to concede Fiume to the Yugo-Slavs, and upon this pledge the Serbs and Yugoslavs relied, but Italy had gone back on her word.

PEACE TREATY RATIFICATIONS.

LONDON, December 30th.—Representative arrangements have been made in Paris for the deposit of the ratifications of the Peace Treaty on January 5th.

LONDON, December 30th.—Sir Edward Grey, Chief of the German delegation, called on M. Dutour. It is understood that Lord Jellicoe recommends for the Canadian Navy six destroyers, ten to twelve submarines and a number of torpedo-boats and aeroplanes.

IMPERIAL MINERAL RESOURCES BUREAU.

London, January 1st.—Sir Richard Redmayne, interviewed with reference to the work of the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau, of which he is chairman, pointed out the immense amount of valuable work done throughout the Empire since the composition of the Bureau was completed in July, 1918.

The Bureau has been engaged on an extensive statistical classification of the Empire's mineral resources through the medium of sixteen technical committees, comprising some of the best known mining and metallurgical experts in the Empire. With a view to establishing a still closer connexion, the Bureau suggested that all parts of the Empire appoint a qualified representative to act as a corresponding member.

Sir Richard Redmayne mentioned as an unqualified success the experiment adopted by South Africa and India of sending a mechanical representative to the United Kingdom to keep in close touch with the Bureau. The experiment has been of reciprocal advantage.

HAYES REVIEW.

Paris, December 30th.—A Hayes message states:—The French Finance Minister has placed on the table in the Chamber of Deputies the conditions of the new Consolidation Loan of 5 per cent. Redeemable Stock, which show that there will be half-yearly redemption drawings covering a period of 60 years. The stock is issued at par. 100 francs, to be redeemed at a premium of 50 per cent, may be redeemable at the first drawing 6 months after the issue.

English banking circles in Paris believe that such an issue will find a great number of subscribers in Great Britain. Five per cent untaxed interest will be paid any time within 60 years. The capital will be paid back with an additional bonus of 50 francs per 100 francs invested.

The issue will be made during February. The National Defence Bonus Obligations, the ordinary Treasury Bonds and the coupons for interest due on other Treasury Loans up to March 31st, 1920, will be accepted at their face value as subscriptions for the new loan.

The French Ministry of Agriculture has forwarded to the Reparations Commission a claim for 20,000 dogs stolen and killed by Germans during the occupation of Northern France.

Selected breeds of setters, pointers, spaniels, retrievers and sheep dogs are demanded from Germany.

AMERICAN RAILWAYS.

Washington, December 30th.—The representatives of the four Railroad Brotherhoods and the heads of the affiliated trades have adopted a declaration opposing legislation making railway strikes unlawful.

Mr. Samuel Gompers, who attended the conference of railmen prior to the adoption of the declaration, said that the view of his conferees was that the Government should control the railways for a minimum of two years in order to properly test Government control.

GAY VIENNA NOW FORLORN.

London, December 30th.—The newspapers, recently again drawing attention to the appalling condition of Vienna, where distress is most acute now, have announced that immediate steps are being taken by England, France and Italy to give relief.

Italy is sending grain, and England is sending large consignments of fat and other foodstuffs. It has also been arranged that Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Poland release a large number of railway trucks for Austrian use.

The measures, however, are purely temporary as it is felt that nothing permanent can be attempted until America's full treatment of nations against whom we were at war.

Japan is quite prepared to increase her forces in Siberia, if necessary.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

NEW YEAR HONOURS.

LONDON, January 1st.—The New Year Honours include:—

An Earldom for Viscount Middleton. (Formerly Mr. St. John Frederick.) The new Earl has held many official posts, including those of Secretary of State for War 1903-5. He succeeded the Viscount in 1905. He represented the Guilford Division in Parliament from 1883-1905. He was an Alderman of the London County Council, 1905-13 and served on the Irish Convention 1917-18.]

BARONS.

Baronet Dawson (physician in ordinary to the King), Sir George Ridder (newspaper proprietor) and Sir Albert Stanley (formerly President of the Board of Trade) have been created Barons.

KNIGHTS.

The new Knights include Mr. Ernest Budge (who is head of the Egyptian Department of the British Museum), Mr. H. J. Meldrum, M.P., and Mr. Thomas White (Acting Premier of Canada). The new Barons include Sir Henry Birchmore, Mr. John Trail-Cargill (Chairman of the Burmah Oil Company), Mr. Hugo Cunliffe-Owen (for war propaganda services in the Far East), and Sir Thomas Holderness (Permanent Under-Secretary for India).

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The foregoing are in the Premier's list, which comprises seven Commanders of the Bath, nineteen Barons and thirty-six Knights.

FUTURE CANADIAN NAVY.

Ottawa, December 30th.—Lord Jellicoe leaves Canada this week on a short visit to the United States for sailing for South Africa.

It is understood that Lord Jellicoe recommends for the Canadian Navy six destroyers, ten to twelve submarines and a number of torpedo-boats and aeroplanes.

THE SCAPA FLOW SINKINGS.

LONDON, December 30th.—The Allied Naval Armistice Committee deny the report of the blowing up of vessels sunk in the Scapa Flow.

AMERICA AND THE TREATY.

New York, December 30th.—It is generally believed in Washington that the so-called "modus vivendi" between Senator Lodge's party and that of the Treaty will be ratified on the 1st of January.

NEW STRAITS GOVERNOR.

LONDON, December 31st.—Sir Laurence Guillemard, accompanied by Lady Guillemard and Lieutenant Arthur Mallett, R.N.A., A.D.C., leaves London on January 1st for Singapore to take up his appointment as Governor of the Straits Settlements.

CHINA'S PEACE MISSION RETURNING.

MARSEILLES, December 30th.—The Chinese Peace Mission has sailed for China.

NEW YORK SERVICE TO HAMBURG.

LONDON, December 29th.—A new service between Rotterdam, Hamburg, and the Far East has been established by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. It was opened by the new 10,000 tonner *Dagoo Maru*, followed by the *Durbar Maru* and the *Tatsumi Maru*.

BOLSHEVIES TAKE IRKUTSK RAILWAY STATION.

New York, December 30th.—A message from Peking states that Bolsheviks report having taken possession of the railway station at Irkutsk while Admiral Koltchak's forces are holding the town.

Foreign Missionaries in Irkutsk are now provided with accommodation in the railway yard.

JAPAN READY FOR ACTION IN SIBERIA.

London, December 30th.—With reference to recent reports in regard to the possible revision of Japanese policy in Siberia, in view of the altered conditions owing to Admiral Koltchak's retreat, Reuter learns from a Japanese source that the position is as follows:—

About three weeks ago discussions between the Japanese and the American Governments began at Washington with a view to arriving at a future policy in regard to Siberia. Britain being duly informed of the opening of the port-harbour. So far no decision has been reached owing to the absence of the Secretary for War from Washington.

Japan's views have been fully communicated to the State Department.

It is obvious that the Japanese Government—in view of recent events in Siberia and "Admiral Koltchak's retreat" (which seems to be slow and orderly)—that the whole position must be reviewed by the Tokio Government. Japan has at present some thirty thousand troops along the Trans-Siberian Railway, while the United States has perhaps seven thousand, including engineers. Japan is determined to stem the flow of Bolsheviks towards Japan, but any new action necessitated by the altered situation must depend on the political and military position and will only be taken after discussion and co-operation with America's allies.

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DEPARTURE OF A POPULAR MAN.

Dr. Evans Jones has been here so long, and made so many friends, that general regret is expressed that he has to go to Shanghai to continue the practice of his profession. It is presumably the usual bar in his agreement with Dr. Noble that prevents him carrying on here, where his services and personality are so much appreciated. Sometime, these agreements are more legal than just.

POST OFFICE.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

The Post Office will be open on Thursday, the 1st January, Saturday, the 3rd January, from 8 a.m. to noon and on Friday the 2nd January from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

There will be one collection and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day on Sunday.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

The Wanchai, Saikungwan and Yau-tai District Post Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be one delivery from all District Offices at noon.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

THE CORONET Tel. No. 1743.

TO-DAY, at 2.30 p.m.
ETHEL BARRYMORE in
"THE CALL OF HER PEOPLE"

5.15 & 9.15 p.m.
HENRY KOLKER in
"THE WARNING"
HARRY POLLARD in
"HELLO TEACHER!"

7.15 p.m.
BRITISH GAZETTE NO. 485.
"HIS FATHER'S SON"

HONGKONG THEATRE. Tel. 2811.

TO-NIGHT! at 9.15 p.m. TO-NIGHT!

WILLIAM FOX presents
NANCY O'NEIL and THEDA BARA
in
"KREUTZER SONATA"

5.15 & 7.15 p.m.
ANITA STEWART

"THE GIRL PHILIPPA"
A War-Drama in 8 Parts.

THE VICTORIA THEATRE. TO-NIGHT TILL SUNDAY.

FANNIE WARD in
"THE PROFITEERS"

STRING BAND OF THE
WILTSHIRE REGIMENT.

WEEKLY PERFORMANCES: 2.15 & 5 p.m.

TO-DAY. "THE FIRST LAW"

SUNDAY, 6 p.m. KING'S GAME

Booking at ANDERSON'S.

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LESLIE HOLMES conducting a local Harmonic Society, also consulting his many medical advisers.

Plan at MOUTRIE'S until 1 p.m., after at the Hongkong Hotel.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. ss *Kristol Maru* (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Singapore on the 12th Dec., and is expected here on the 31st Dec.

The N.Y.K. ss *Iyo Maru* (European Line) left London for this port via Suez Canal on the 28th Dec., and is expected here on the 7th Jan.

The N.Y.K. ss *Atsuta Maru* (European Line) left London for this port via Suez Canal on the 13th Dec., and is expected here on the 19th Jan.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s *Kashio Maru* left Shanghai for this port on the 30th Dec. and is expected here on the 9th Jan.

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The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s *Kashio Maru* (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for this port on the 20th Dec. and is expected here on the 9th January.

The H.M.S. *Empress of Russia* arrived at Nagasaki on 1st January, left there on 2nd January and is due at Kobe on 3rd January.

The N.Y.K. ss *Kono Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 28th Dec., and is expected here on the 1st Jan.

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It should be noted that the last bus from Repulse Bay leaves there at 11 p.m. and reaches the Hongkong Hotel at midnight.

The programme of events for the race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club commencing on Wednesday, February 11, is out.

Macao—Per SULAN, 6.30 a.m.
Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.30 p.m.
SATURDAY, January 10.
Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.30 p.m.
Macao—Per SULAN, 6.30 a.m.
SUNDAY, January 11.
Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.30 p.m.